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SUBJECT: POSSIBLE RE-TRANSFER OF USML FROM FRANCE TO FRENCH
GUIANA

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(SBU) On October 19 Post Blue Lantern Action Officer
contacted Ministry of Foreign Affairs Deputy Assistant
Secretary-equivalent for Export Control Marc Abensour to seek

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clarification of laws regarding re-transfers of U.S.
Munitions List (USML) articles to French DOM-TOM (ref A). On
November 21 Abensour replied to our request for a brief
assessment of French law by fax. The following is a
translation of Abensour's letter.

[1](#)2. (SBU) Begin text:

The first paragraph of the instruction of January 21, 1982
relating to exports and imports of firearms and munitions
between metropolitan France and its overseas departments
states, "All transfer of arms and munitions between
metropolitan France and its overseas departments shall be
free. Such transfers are not subject to the preliminary
authorization regime governing imports and exports specified
in Articles 11 and 13 of the April 18, 1939 Decree and the
July 16, 1955 Decree governing the inter-ministerial
examination of arms exports.

The transfer of war and associated materials between
metropolitan France and its overseas departments is therefore
not subject to the October 2, 1992 special export control
procedures regarding the import, export, and transfer of war

materials, arms, and associated materials.

French Guiana, being an overseas department of France, therefore has the same common rights regarding the purchase, possession, import, and export of munitions and associated materials. The following laws are relevant:

- The April 18, 1939 Decree Number 95-589, updated May 6, 1996, which covers the manufacture and trade of war materials, arms, and munitions.
- The May 6, 1995 update of Decree Number 95-589, which covers the purchase, possession, and transport of arms and munitions.
- The January 21, 1982 instruction applies to the delivery of arms between France and Guiana.

Regarding USML transfers from France to Guiana, such information can only be known after a thorough investigation.

This department does not have, at this stage, all the necessary information. We have requested the help of the relevant officials at the Ministry of Defense to examine and collect information on these possible transfers and will inform you as soon as they are communicated.

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